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1. SUMMARY; ECOSOC PLENARY AFTERNOON JULY 8 HEARD STATEMENTS FROM UNESCO DG M'BOW AND REPRESENTATIVE OF INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AS WELL AS STATEMENTS BY CHINA, NORWAY, YUGOSLAVIA, MEXICO AND ARGENTINA. DELEGATION STATEMENTS WERE FAIRLY ROUTINE EXCEPT FOR THAT OF ARGENTINA, WHICH BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. UNESCO DG M'BOW PLACED GREATEST EMPHASIS ON SOCIAL/ CULTURAL DIMENSIONS OF DEVELOPMENT PROBLEM AND SAID MAN AND NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS MUST BE AT THE CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. IN SOCIETIES WHICH TOLERATE INEQUALITY MAN CANNOT BE TRULY FREE, HE SAID. M'BOW ALSO COMMENTED ON COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY. ON COMMUNICATIONS, HE STRESSED NEED TO INSURE THAT ALL GROUPS OF COUNTRIES HAVE APPROPRIATE SHARE OF CONTROL OVER MASS MEDIA, WHICH IF LEFT IN THE HANDS OF THE FEW LEAVES WAY OPEN TO CULTURAL HEGEMONY.

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THIRD WORLD PERSPECTIVES MUST BE APPROPRIATELY REPRESENTED AND THERE MUST BE BETTER BALANCE AND GREATER RECIPROCITY IN INFORMATION FLOWS BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD AND LDCS. HE PLEDGED UNESCO'S ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF ADEQUATE NATIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SAID UNESCO WILL VIGOROUSLY PURSUE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE "FREE AND BALANCED" FLOW OF INFORMATION. M'BOW NOTED THAT UNESCO WILL UNDERTAKE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY

OF COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS IN NEAR FUTURE WHICH WILL HELP LAY GROUNDWORK TO AN "ACTION STRATEGY FOR THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY." ON EDUCATION, HE NOTED THAT CRISIS IS PRIMARILY AT NATIONAL LEVEL, WHERE POLICIES ARE INADEQUATE IN VIEW OF LDC ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE YOUNG. ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY QUESTION, M'BOW STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING LOCAL TECHNOLOGIES AND PLEDGED UNESCO'S SUPPORT AT LOCAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS TO PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

3. ICC REP EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT FACT OF INTERDEPENDENCE BECOMING INCREASINGLY RECOGNIZED (E.G., AT CIEC AND LONDON SUMMIT) AND THAT THIS IS LEADING TO SOME NARROWING OF GAP IN PERCEPTIONS. HOWEVER, CONTINUED UNCERTAINTIES IN WORLD ECONOMY STILL VERY BOTHERSOME, PARTICULARLY LOW RATES OF INVESTMENT IN BOTH INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY AND LDC ECONOMIES. COMPLAINED THAT INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN LDCS CONTINUES TO BE BAD AND THAT WHILE SOME BILATERAL ACCORDS FOR INVESTMENT PROTECTION HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED BETWEEN DCS AND LDCS, THE LATTER REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE INVESTMENT GUARANTEES ON MULTILATERAL BASIS. ICC REP OFFERED ORGANIZATION'S COOPERATION IN PROMOTING DISCUSSIONS WITH BUSINESS CIRCLES OF UNCTAD'S INTEGRATED COMMODITIES PROGRAM, COMMODITY-BY-COMMODITY, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSIONS. REP SAID SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE COMMON FUND WOULD

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DEPEND ON HOW CLOSELY THOSE WHO FINANCE THE FUND ARE ASSOCIATED IN ITS MANAGEMENT.

4. CHINESE DEL REPEATED WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS IN SUPPORT OF WIEO. HE SAID CHINA WAS CARRYING OUT LINE LAID DOWN BY CHAIRMAN MAO UNDER WISE LEADERSHIP OF CHAIRMAN HUA. HE EXPRESSED CHINA'S HOPE THAT THIRD WORLD WILL FOLLOW USEFUL EXAMPLE SET BY OPEC AND WILL STRENGTHEN ITS UNITY. HE GAVE SPECIFIC SUPPORT TO REGIONAL COOPERATION, THE RECENT AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT (WHICH HE SAID WAS GOOD FOR THIRD WORLD UNITY AND THE FIGHT AGAINST EXPLOITATION), THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES AND THE COMMON FUND, MONETARY REFORM, DEBT RELIEF AND ALL OTHER LEGITIMATE DEMANDS OF THE THIRD WORLD. CRITICISM OF SUPER-POWERS (WITHOUT USE OF NAMES) AND THEIR EFFORTS TO OBSTRUCT ESTABLISHMENT OF NIEO WAS VIGOROUS BUT CONTAINED NOTHING NEW. BOTH CAME IN FOR THEIR USUAL SHARE WITH CRITICISM OF THE USSR BEING ABOUT TWICE AS LENGTHY.

5. NORWEGIAN UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE STOLTENBERG EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR NIEO AND CERDS AND CALLED FOR LARGE INCREASES IN ODA FLOWS, NOTING THAT EVEN IF DDII .7 PERCENT TARGET HAD BEEN REACHED THIS WOULD HAVE STILL BEEN FAR FROM ADEQUATE

FOR ERADICATING POVERTY. DESPITE SHORTCOMINGS AND WEAKNESSES IDS FOR DDII WAS STILL USEFUL BUT NEEDED TO BE GREATLY STRENGTHENED. HE SAID THAT IDEALY, NIEO SHOULD BE TRANSLATED INTO DDIII STRATEGY THROUGH A "TRUE CONSENSUS" SO THAT IT WOULD AT LEAST HAVE MORALLY BINDING EFFECT. STOLTENBERG EXPRESSED ENCOURAGEMENT OVER AMB YOUNG'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE COMMON FUND, WHICH HE FELT HAD NARROWED THE GAP. HE PRAISED UN RESTRUCTURING EFFORT UNDER DADZIE AND SAID NORWAY HAD GREAT INTEREST IN SEEING THAT EXERCISE ENDED SUCCESSFULLY.

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6. YUGOSLAVIAN AMBASSADOR PETRIC WAS CRITICAL OF CIEC, SAYING OUTCOME DID NOT MEET EXPECTATIONS OF G-77. THERE WAS "NO BREAKTHROUGH" ON ESTABLISHING THE NIEO, LDC DEBT BURDEN STILL RISING ALARMINGLY, ETC. CLAIMS THAT IDS WAS SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE CERTAIN AGGREGATE GROWTH TARGETS WERE MET WAS ERRONEOUS SINCE SUCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS CAME FROM SACRIFICES OF LDC'S THEMSELVES AND NOT FROM EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE. IN ASSESSING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE IDS ONE MUST LOOK ESSENTIALLY AT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND HERE THE RECORD IS VERY BAD. PETRIC PRAISED ECDC AND SAID DECISIONS AT COLOMBO AND MEXICO CITY CONFERENCES ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION. HE STRESSED THAT ECDC WAS PART OF INTER-

DEPENDENT GLOBAL ECONOMY AND WAS NOT A "CLOSED PROCESS."
ON RESTRUCTURING, YUGOSLAV REP SAID THIS WAS DIFFICULT
POLITICALLY DELICATE ISSUE AND THAT HE DOUBTED AD HOC COM-
MITTEE COULD PRESENT TO NEXT GA AN "AGREED, SUBSTANTIVE AND
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COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE."

7. MEXICAN DEL SAID LDCS ARE ON SEE-SAW BETWEEN HOPE AND
FRUSTRATION. CIEC WAS DISAPPOINTMENT, BUT THEN LONDON SUMMIT,
WHICH GAVE RECOGNITION TO FACT THAT WORLD ECONOMY MUST BE SEEN AS
A WHOLE, RAISED LDC HOPES. HOWEVER, MOST RECENT OECD
MINISTERIAL WAS ONCE AGAIN A DISAPPOINTMENT. HE EXPRESSED
MEXICO'S STRONG INTEREST IN FURTHER REGIONAL ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION IN LA, SAYING THAT THIS MIGHT REDUCE THE
VULNERABILITY OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIES TO FLUCTUATIONS IN
WORLD ECONOMY. HE SAID TNC COMMISSION COMING CLOSER TO
COMPLETING DRAFT TNC CODE OF CONDUCT WHICH WOULD DEFINE "RULES
OF THE GAME" WHICH VERY MUCH NEEDED SINCE MULTINATIONALS
ARE SOMETIMES "TOO POWERFUL". ON OTHER TOPICS MEXICAN DEL
REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR THE COMMON FUND; REITERATED MEXICO'S
OFFER TO HOST S AND T CONFERENCE; EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT
UN HAD NOT PUBLICIZED CERDS MORE WIDELY (HE ALSO INTIMATED THAT
CERDS WAS NOT IMMUTABLE AND COULD BE CHANGED OR REVISED TO
TAKE ACCOUNT OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS); AND ANNOUNCED THAT
MEXICO'S GREAT INTEREST IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS QUESTION HAD
CAUSED GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH A NEW STATE SECRETARIAT TO
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